State of South Caroling Sovernor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, epilepsy is a neurological condition characterized by recurrent, unprovoked seizures; and

WHEREAS, approximately 60,000 individuals and their families in South Carolina are affected by epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no cure for epilepsy, and an estimated 44% of people with epilepsy continue to have seizures despite treatment; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy Awareness Month is designed to educate the public about the symptoms of epilepsy and the proper first aid steps to follow when someone has a seizure, while calling attention to the need for continued research into the causes of epilepsy, effective treatments, and possible cures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2003 as

EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the symptoms and treatment of epilepsy.

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